



Thank you for your support

We are so proud of the way in which our children have coped with the changes to their education. We know how hard this has also been to you, their parents and so I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone.

For those of you who have encountered challenges, please do get in touch and we will help wherever we can. An email to office@cove-jun.hants.sch.uk is usually the best way of communicating with us. The Hampshire Educational Psychology Service has also set up a helpline which parents can access if they need further support or advice. A flyer from them is attached with this newsletter.

Thank you to the parents of the children who are school-based for providing evidence of their 'critical worker' status. We have 104 children on our register and between 80-85 children in school on an average day.

Celebration Assemblies

I have really enjoyed this afternoon's Celebration Assemblies. It was lovely to see so many children joining the children and staff at school to share some of the highlights of the week.

In some assemblies, children talked about enjoying spending time with their pets at home so next Friday, we will have a 'bring your pet to virtual school' assembly!

Covid Tests for Staff

We have been informed by the Department for Education that Covid tests for staff will be arriving in school next week. On Monday, Mr Gargan, Mrs Fuller and I will be taking part in a webinar to find out more information so that we are able to commence this testing from 25th January.

Mid-year Reports

We had planned to send mid-year reports next week. This was a new initiative that was planned before the latest lockdown. The aim was to enable parents to have an update of their child's attainment in reading, writing and maths and to provide the next steps in learning in these three areas of the curriculum.

It is, unfortunately, not now possible to provide all of this information despite our best efforts. The most up-to-date data which we have will instead be shared with you in our March parents' evenings.

DIARY DATES

New dates / updates in yellow

Mon 18 th Jan	It is 75 years since the plane crash at Cove Junior School
W/b 18 th Jan	Covid tests for staff being delivered to school this week
Fri 29 th Jan	Celebrating Cookie and Oreos birthday (Non-uniform day)
Sun 31 st Jan	Cookie and Oreos 2 nd birthday
Tues 2 nd Feb	Year 6 day trip to the Gilbert White Study Centre CANCELLED – REFUNDS BEING PROCESSED
Fri 12 th Feb	Close for half term holiday @ 3:25pm
Mon 22 nd Feb	School reopens for Spring 2 – WE HOPE!
Mon 22 nd Feb	World Thinking Day (Children can come to school in their Scouting uniforms)
Wed 24 th Feb	Year 4 Roman Day
Mon 1 st Mar	Notification of Year 7 places for Sept 2021
Wed 3 rd Mar	World Book Day (Further details to follow)
Tues 16 th Mar	Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm
Thur 18 th Mar	Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm
Fri 19 th Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (further details to follow)
Wed 24 th Mar	Parents' evening 5:00-7:00pm
Thur 1 st April	School closes for the Easter holiday @ 1:30pm
Fri 16 th April	Notification of Year 3 places for Sept 2021
Mon 19 th April	School reopens for Summer 1
Mon 3 rd May	BANK HOLIDAY
W/b Mon 10 th May	Year 6 SATs Week CANCELLED
W/b Mon 17 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Wales
W/b 24 th May	International Week
Fri 28 th May	Finish for half term @ 3:25pm
Mon 7 th June	INSET DAY – school closed

Top Tips to help with Remote-Learning

- Do what you can. You don't have to become a teacher. You are a parent and what your child needs most is what parents give best - love and support.
- Provide a structure to the day - this does not need to be a strict timetable.
- If you can, set up a small workstation for your child. Headphones could help for online lessons.
- If you have a Playstation or Xbox, but not an extra computer, both Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom can be accessed via the consoles.
- Encourage your child to take part in the morning teams meeting each day.

Attendance

We are required to send an attendance report to the Department of Education on a daily basis.

If your child is unable to attend school or undertake remote learning due to coronavirus related reasons, we must be informed using one of the following communications:

StudyBugs, telephone call or by emailing office@cove-jun.hants.sch.uk

Please let us know whether they are displaying coronavirus symptoms, if there has been a positive case in your household or if they are needing to self-isolate.

Hampshire Libraries Reading Challenge

Hampshire Libraries is encouraging all primary school children to take part in this year's Winter Reading Challenge. This year's [Winter Reading Challenge](#) is all about getting cosy together to share the love of reading.

There are thousands of children's ebooks and audiobooks free to download using Hampshire Libraries [BorrowBox](#) service with lots of titles always available without a wait. To use BorrowBox, you need a [library membership number](#) and [PIN](#). There are links to some of our recommendations on the Kids Zone webpage as well as information about downloading ebooks and audiobooks.

Children can also use Hampshire Libraries new [Ready Reads: We Select You Collect](#) service to borrow books. Library staff will regularly handpick a selection of books for those that request the service to collect from the entrance of their local library. Users can choose how often and how many books they would like.

Teachers, parents and carers will find details of the Winter Reading Challenge on the library service's new [Kids Zone website](#). Children can register to take part online and keep a record of the books they have read. A collector's sticker folder is also available for those children who can't easily access online services.

To complete the challenge, children will read or listen to any four books before the end of the February half-term. This can include books they read or listen to together, bedtime stories, non-fiction books, [ebooks](#) and [audiobooks](#). Every time they finish a book, they fill in an online Winter Reading Challenge reading record.

Children will be emailed a completer's certificate when they've reached a total of four books in their Winter Reading Challenge reading record. They'll be sent emails along the way, when they add a new book to their record.

If children aren't already a member of Hampshire Libraries, they can join to take part.